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**JOSEPH KESSELRING'S CLASSIC  
COMEDY**

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ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

By Joseph Kesselring

Directed by John Rahe

Stage Managed by Julie Pater and Katie Davisson   Costumes by Megan Hetzel

CAST

Abby Brewster.....Megan Hetzel  
The Rev. Mrs. Harper.....Cassie Eaton  
Teddy Brewster.....Patrick McElwain  
Officer Brophy.....Kayla Wojcik  
Officer Klein..... Josh Alengo  
Martha Brewster.....Shannon Kiley  
Elaine Harper.....Samantha Hoyt  
Mortimer Brewster.....Jake McCoy  
Mr. Gibbs.....John Irak  
Jonathon Brewster.....A.J. Frigo  
Dr. Einstein.....Marten Moreno  
Officer O'Hara .....Logan James  
Lieutenant Rooney.....Adam Pajor  
Mr. Witherspoon.....John Irak

Setting: The Home of the Brewster Sisters in Brooklyn, New York in 1941

Act 1: A late afternoon in the fall    Act 2: Later that Night    Act 3: The next morning

There will be two ten minute intermissions between acts

Please turn off all phones or other electronic devices which might interrupt the production.

Flash photography is prohibited during the show.

The SJC Arts and Science Building is a no smoking facility.



### TECHNICAL CREW

Lighting Control.....Thaddeus Albert  
Sound Control.....Francesca Hoopfer  
Running Crew.....Mary DeVault, Katie Davisson  
Set Construction.....Mary DeVault, Francesca Hoopfer,  
Marten Moreno, Zakary Reddington,  
Adam Pajor, Thaddeus Albert  
Publicity.....Shannon Kiley,  
Costume Crew.....Destiny Bickle  
House Crew.....Leann Kooi, Kimberly Bullert, Destiny Bickle  
The Columbian Players

### MEET THE CAST

**Josh D. Alengo**,( Officer Klein), is a Freshman majoring in English from Antioch, Illinois. Josh is also involved in St. Joe's newspaper, the Observer, Puma Women, Measure, Computer Club, and works part time at the campus's Computer Center. Josh would also like to say that a play is nothing without an audience, so thanks to everyone that comes out to see us.

**Katie Davisson**, (Stage manager), is a junior majoring in Creative Writing from Rensselaer. Katie is also involved in choir, WPUM The Joe, The Observer and Art Club. Katie would like to say thanks for coming and she hopes you enjoy the show!

**Cassie Eaton** (Dr. Harper) is a Junior majoring in Wildlife Biology from Valparaiso, IN. Cassie is also involved in the National Suicide Prevention Day event as well as the director for the middle school drama club at Morgan Township MS. Cassie would like to say a big thank you to those who encouraged her and to everyone who supports the theatre. Enjoy the show!

**AJ Frigo** (Jonathon) is a Senior majoring in Theatre Arts from Monon, Indiana. AJ would like to say, "Thanks for attending and hopefully you enjoy the show."

**Megan Hetzel** (Abby Brewster)& is a senior in Mass Communications from Valparaiso. Megan is also involved in Rugby Club, The Columbian Players, Improv Club, & TV club. Megan would like to say 'Enjoy the show, but first, would you like a glass of our wine?'

**Samantha Hoyt** (Elaine Harper) is a freshman majoring in biology from East Dundee, Illinois. Samantha is also involved in Forensics Club, the Columbian Players, College Republicans, and Improv Club. Samantha would like to thank everybody for coming and hopes you enjoy the show.



**John Irak** (Mr. Gibbs & Witherspoon) is a Freshman majoring in Digital Media & Theatre from Hobart Indiana. John is also involved in TV6 News, the College Radio, and the Improv Club. John would like to say, Hope you guys enjoy the show, I know I'm definitely enjoying my first show with Saint Joe.

**Logan James** (Officer O'Hara) is a Sophomore majoring in Digital Media and Journalism from Logansport Indiana. Logan is also involved in the Puma Activities Council, The Columbian Players, and the campus coffee house Cup o' Joe, where he is Vice-President of all three clubs. He is also a Resident Assistant in Bennett Hall. He says, "Thank you all for coming out to support the arts and your local theater! I have been acting since I received my first big role as Santa Claus in my 4th grade Christmas Play. Crazy to think that was 10 years ago... Anyway, thank you to everyone in the audience for being here! Special shout outs to my wonderful family (Mike, Becky, Kelsey, Ryane, TJ, Keaton, Carson) for being my backbone and your constant support. To my Grandmother Linda, my #1 fan who has never missed a show of mine in 10 years. To the Men Of Bennett for being amazing residents. And to all my friends here at school! Thanks for keeping me sane on days I think my might snap! ;p Enjoy the show everyone! #TPP4L"

**Shannon Kiley**, (Martha Brewster), is a Junior majoring in Psychology from Michigan City. Shannon is the Columbian Players President, Vice-President of Student Association, Vice-President of Psi Chi, and an RA on campus. She hopes you enjoy the show and have as much fun watching it as the cast does performing it!

**Marten Moreno** (Dr. Einstein) Is a Sophomore from Berwyn, IL enjoying his third show here at St. Joseph's....you hae have seen him in Grease last year or in one of the five one acts. Marten hope you enjoy the show!

**Jake McCoy**, (Mortimer Brewster), is a sophomore majoring in Business Administrations from Crown Point, Indiana. Jake is the secretary for The Columbian Players. He is in Concert Choir and Men of Saint Joe. He is also involved in the student government and is the senator of his residence hall. Jake would like to say thank you for supporting SJC Theatre and to sit back and enjoy this hysterical, crazy show!

**Patrick McElwain** (Teddy) is a junior majoring in Mass Communication from Heyworth, Illinois. Patrick is also involved in Improv Club and Rugby Club. Patrick would like to say thanks for coming out to the show tonight! I hope you have as much fun watching it as we did making it! CHARGE!!!



**Julie Pater** (stage manager) is a junior majoring in Elementary Education from Berwyn, Illinois. Julie is also involved SJC concert choir, chamber singers, tour guiding, Telecounseling and Puma Educators Association. She would like to thank you for coming to see the show and for supporting the SJC Theatre Dept. Also she would like to congratulate the cast on a job well done! Have fun watching the show and I hope you have some good laughs!

**Kayla Wojcik** ( Officer Brophy) is a Sophomore majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in Theatre. Kayla is from Michigan City, Indiana. Kayla is also involved in PAC, Puma Women, MAC, and PEA. Kayla would like to thank the cast for being the awesome people that they are. She would also like to thank her mother for supporting her through everything!

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### DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Arsenic and Old Lace* is one of the best known and most often produced farces in the American Theatre repertoire for a reason.....it is really funny. It also has an interesting history. When Joseph Kesselring first wrote it he was teaching at Bethel College, a small liberal arts school in Newton, Kansas, and envisioned the play as a heavy drama. He drew on the boarding house he was living in for inspiration for the setting and the story might have been inspired by an actual criminal case in Connecticut where a woman would take in boarders, promise to take care of them and then poison them for their pensions. So how did a play based on an actual murder case and started as a heavy drama in the well-made play style end up as one of the best known comedies of the middle twentieth century? When producers Howard Lindsey and Russell Crouse read the script, they immediately recognized the potential for comedy in the play and, after a struggle, convinced Kesselring to make it into the farce which is so popular today. The play led the opening night critic for The New York Times to write " ...the play was so funny that none of us will ever forget it." and was eventually made into a movie starring Cary Grant . The cast has worked hard to live up to that review and we hope that you leave here having experienced a play that "none of us will ever forget."



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